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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION OF OPERATING SUPPORT COSTS

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1. PER REFTEL, APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF GUIDANCE ON ADMINISTRATION OF OPERATING SUPPORT COSTS BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND ACTION. THEY FOLLOW IN PARAS 2-5.

2. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1976 NEW CCINC FUNDS TO BE USED TO FINANCE LIMITED OPERATING COSTS OF LOCAL NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WILL BE PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO DEA BY S/NM. BASED ON CCINC GUIDELINES AGREED TO BY S/NM AND DEA, EACH APPROPRIATE DEA REGIONAL OFFICE WILL BE ALLOCATED NEW CCINC FUNDS TOGETHER WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR THEIR ADMINISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEA FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS NOW BEING DEVELOPED BY DEA/WASHINGTON. AID RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF OPERATING COST FUNDS WILL BE LIMITED TO THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

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OBLIGATED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1976.

3. OPERATING SUPPORT FUNDS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY DEA INCLUDE ONLY THOSE "OTHER COSTS" ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUPPORT OF LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OPERATIONS. AS IN-

DICATED IN REFTEL THESE FUNDS NORMALLY WILL BE LIMITED TO THE FINANCING OF URGENTLY REQUIRED, SHORT-TERM EXPENDABLES (GASOLINE OR OIL) OR FOR TRAVEL AND PER DIEM DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONDUCT OF DRUG INVESTIGATIONS OR INTERDICTION IN THE FIELD BY LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. OPERATING SUPPORT COSTS CANNOT BE USED TO FINANCE THE PAYMENT OF REWARDS OR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE "OTHER COSTS" WHICH AID WILL CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER FOR SUCH THINGS AS LOCAL TRAINING EXPENSES, INVITATIONAL TRAVEL OR OTHER ITEMS WHICH AID NORMALLY FINANCES WITHIN THE "OTHER COST" CATEGORY.

4. A.I.D. WILL CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER UNDER PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OPERATING SUPPORT COST FUNDS WHICH OBLIGATED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1975.

5. AS MISSION AWARE, OPERATING SUPPORT COSTS ARE BEING PROVIDED IN AN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE NARCOTICS POLICE ORGANIZATIONS TO CONDUCT MORE INVESTIGATIONS ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE, TO DEMONSTRATE UTILITY OF FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE AND, UPON ACCEPTANCE BY LOCAL POLICE OF THIS CONCEPT; TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO BEGIN TO INCLUDE FUNDS IN THEIR OWN BUDGETS FOR THIS PURPOSE. THUS, OPERATING SUPPORT COSTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS ANOTHER TOOL OF INSTITUTION BUILDING PROCESS. THEREFORE, WHILE THE FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION OF OPERATING SUPPORT COSTS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO DEA, ALL ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION NARCOTICS COORDINATING COMMITTEE, PARTICULARLY THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR, HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR JUSTIFYING THE NEED FOR THESE FUNDS AS WITH OTHER CCINC FUNDS. THIS INCLUDES THE DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR THEIR USE AS PRESENTED IN EACH NCAP AND APPROVED BY S/NM AND AS WELL AS INSURING THAT THESE FUNDS ARE PART OF AN INTEGRATED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE MISSION IS RESPONSIBLE ALSO FOR WORKING WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN ITS CONTRIBUTION OR PLANS FOR PAYMENT OF OPERATING SUPPORT COSTS IN THE FUTURE. ROBINSON

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